Laws banning child labour

1775. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether existing laws banning child labour in health hazard-prone industries are not being enforced by States;

(b) the number of cases initiated against employers engaging child labour in violation of existing laws for the year 2003-04, State-wise; and

(c) whether puffed rice factories in Karnataka have been engaging child labour in violation of laws and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO) : (a) No, Sir. All the States are implementing the labour laws banning child labour.

(b) The required information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir. The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits employment of children below 14 years of age in any of the 70 hazardous occupations/processes, as contained in Part A & B of the Schedule of the Act (Section 3). The manufacturing of puffed rice is not included as hazardous processes under the Act. The puffed rice factories mostly employ less than 20 workers and hence also do not fall under the pruview of the Factories Act, 1948.

Statement

Number of cases initiated against Employers Engaging Child Labour in violation of existing laws during 2003-04

Sl. No.	Name of State/U.T.	Number of cases initiated against employers engaging child labour in violation of existing laws
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4870
2.	Andaman & Nico. U.T.	0
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	24
4.	Assam	0*

1	2	3
5.	Bihar	354*
6.	Chandigarh U.T.	0*
7.	Chhattisgarh	104*
8.	Dadra & Nagar H.U.T.	0*
9.	Daman & Diu U.T.	0
10.	Delhi U.T.	66
11.	Goa	0
12.	Gujarat	29
13.	Haryana	38
14.	Himachal Pradesh	1
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	17
16.	Jharkhand	76
17.	Karnataka	1814
18.	Kerala	0
19.	Lakshadweep U.T.	0
20.	Madhya Pradesh	28
21.	Maharashtra	0*
22.	Manipur	0*
23.	Meghalaya	0*
24.	Mizoram	0*
25.	Nagaland	0*
26.	Orissa	3
27.	Pondicherry U.T.	0
28.	Punjab	35
29.	Rajasthan	0
30.	Sikkim	0
31.	Tamil Nadu	385
32.	Tripura	0
33.	Uttar Pradesh	399
34	Uttaranchal	3*
35.	West Bengal	0
	TOTAL:	8246

*The figures indicated are of 2002-03, as figures of 2003-04 have not been received from these States.